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SENATE MEMORIAL 5

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE SENATE TO RUDOLFO ANAYA  
FOR HIS RECEIPT OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS.

WHEREAS, Rudolfo Anaya was born in the small village of  
Pastura, New Mexico, on October 30, 1937; and

WHEREAS, as a small boy, his family moved to the eastern  
plains of Santa Rosa, and then to Albuquerque when he was  
fifteen; and

WHEREAS, Rudolfo is considered by many to be the dean of  
Chicano literature; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anaya is best known for his coming-of-age  
novel *Bless Me Ultima*, now a standard text in many high school  
and college literature courses; and

WHEREAS, Rudolfo is a professor emeritus at the university

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1 of New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, he has also written the novels *Heart of Aztlan*,  
3 *Tortuga*, *Albuquerque*, *Zia Summer*, *Rio Grande Fall* and  
4 *Jalamanta* as well as children's books, poems, short stories,  
5 essays and plays; and

6 WHEREAS, on April 22, 2002, President George W. Bush and  
7 First Lady Laura Bush awarded Mr. Anaya with a national medal  
8 of arts, upon which the citation reads: "Rudolfo Anaya: For  
9 his exceptional contribution to contemporary American  
10 literature that brought national recognition to the traditions  
11 of the Chicano people and for his efforts to promote Hispanic  
12 writers. ";

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
14 OF NEW MEXICO that congratulations be extended to Rudolfo Anaya  
15 for his contributions to New Mexico and for winning the  
16 prestigious national medal of arts.

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